

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

Flotilla 7 2 Meeting

02 June 2016

Meeting was called to order at 1900 hours.

Officers Present: FC-Rockwell, D., VFC-Hooper, A., FN-Lee, J., OP-Cook, B., HR-Reuter, L., DV-Clark, S., VE-Dobos, G., SR-Eron, D., MS-Cook, M., CM-Boschetti, M.

Pledge of Allegiance: Dan Helou

Introduction of New Members and Guests: New member Andy Anderson (Who "Piped us Aboard" with his Boatswain's Mate whistle.), Dan Helou presented guest Bill Ebersberger.

National/District/Division Staff Visitors: Commodore Donald Lloyd, District Vice Commander Gene Keller, and Dick Risk with Division.

Speaker: Bryan Cook spoke on "What We Need to Know" - "Dive Flags".

Announcements: Dave Rockwell, FC

- * Be sure to see the Flotilla website, "What's New" tab, for latest information about the Flotilla. Send Jim Nelson or Dave Rockwell events for the Members' Calendar.
- * The AUXLAMS course will be in Orlando, Fl, 21-25 September 2016, Course Code 501061. Course registration prior to 30 June is required to ensure time to meet ordering issuing deadlines. Get with Dave Rockwell if interested.
- * Contract is awarded for a new roof, fascia, and soffits on our building. The Coast Guard will start work.
- * National Safe Boating Week events were successful. We could have had better participation for some events.
- * Dan Helou has been certified as Vessel Examiner. (Certificate and ribbon will be presented when they come in.)
- * New uniform policy for AP status going forward after 13 May. AUX ID required to wear the uniform and gain unescorted access to government facilities.

Adoption of Past Minutes for April and May. No Quorum present.

FSO Reports: Tony Hooper, VFC

CM: Mike said Bayboro Radio is mission capable but did not have any radio watches for the month. June 25th is Amateur Radio Field Day. This is an annual event where Amateur Radio Operators take their equipment to the most remote locations their equipment will allow. This would be a great event for non-amateurs to come out and see what we can do. Contact Dave Rockwell or me for details. It is now hurricane season. Check your hand-held radios and condition of batteries. If alkaline, replace them at least once a year.

- CS: Dave is keeping up the website. Posts on Face Book every day, and coordinates with FSO-PV and FSO-PA for events.
- DV: Stan may be able to "ramp-up" a diversity class.
- HR: Loren said 4 e-mails were sent out. 1 responded. All current HR applications have been submitted and/or in the process of final submission. In addition, information has been provided in a timely manner to all who have expressed interest in joining the Auxiliary.
- IS: Tony read that Division IS continues to provide services for data entry to Flotilla 72. AUX-10 will be taught at D Train. All reports received prior to 1200 on May 31, 2016 have been forwarded to Division IS for entry.
- MT: Tony read that 13 Auxiliarists from 6 flotillas registered for the AUXACN course currently underway at FL 72. (A total of 8 people dropped out for various reasons.) 5 people sat the NAV A exam, of whom 4 passed. The NAV B exam is scheduled for June 11.
- NS: Tony said District has released updated A/V PQS training material. A class will be scheduled at the Division level for members who want to become A/V certified, probably in July.
- OP: There will be a mandatory operations workshop at 79 - 1700-1900 for facility owners. RS&S requirements at 1800 for Coxswains.
- June Patrol schedule:
B-0: 5
QE: 9 + marine observations
- VE: Glen said 2 more are to meet member requirements.
- R&SS: Tony said Station St. Petersburg and Division 7 have completed the build out of SAR (Boat Crew Survival) Vests. Some have been issued to coxswains and the remainder will be issued on Friday, June 3. This brings Division 7 into compliance with the latest R&SS requirements. National addressed the problem of access to the maintenance instructions (MPSS) by posting them in the Members Only section of the Response Directorate's website. Anyone reporting for duty on an Auxiliary facility should bring their Type III PFD with all PPE removed from it. Detailed procedures to undertake and record all equipment inspections, including PFD's and SAR vests remain to be clarified.
- FN: Jack said Wells Fargo advised they are converting our two bank accounts to US Government entity accounts, which means they will impose a monthly fee of \$20, plus a fee for every transaction, a percentage charge for every cash deposit, plus unspecified fees to recover FDIC costs. This is untenable, so we have to change our banking. 1st dues check received in for 2017.

PV: Dan said he visited Sports Authority, St. Pete Fishing Outfitters, and he and Dave walked up and down Beach Drive, visiting 11 businesses, dressed in their life jackets. Dan would like Program volunteers. There is a 4th of July parade in Brandon.

Station Liaison Report: BM3 Kane said, no report.

Awards:

Auxiliary Membership Service Award to
David Perillo
Sustained Auxiliary Service Award to
Eugene S. Keller - Seventh + Operations

Certifications:

Harold Chase - TCO, Instructor
Michael Boschetti - TCO
Richard Risk - TCO

Miscellaneous Items:

Bryan Cook - 533 hours of service in 2013

Old Business: There will be a T-Shirt Proposal per Gene Keller at the next meeting.

New Business: Dave Rockwell proposed the purchase of new building signs, estimated at \$300/\$400. To be voted on at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2012 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Eron